

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A method of partitioning system management information for a plurality of network devices operably coupled together to provide data processing functionality for a plurality of users, wherein the plurality of network devices are configured into a plurality of leaseholds, comprising:
 - receiving system management information for the plurality of network devices;
 - and
 - partitioning the system management information based on at least one leasehold of the plurality of network devices.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - generating at least one document based on the partitioned system management information for each of the at least one leasehold; and
 - transmitting the at least one document to a management system of the at least one leasehold.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein transmitting the at least one document includes converting the document to a format useable by the management system.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein converting the document includes translating the document from an extensible markup language document to one of an application program interface format and a remote program call format.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein partitioning the system management information includes partitioning the system management information based on stored lease information.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the stored lease information is received as an extensible markup language document.

7. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein transmitting the at least one document includes sending the at least one document to a management system adapter that converts the document to a format useable by the management system.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the system management information includes at least one of an identification of applications run under each of the at least one leasehold, a number of network devices on which the applications for each of the at least one leasehold were run, an amount of network bandwidth used by each of the at least one leasehold, and a level of success of running the applications under each of the at least one leasehold.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of network devices are a plurality of thin servers in a thin server farm.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of network devices are a plurality of thin servers and wherein the method is implemented in a metaserver of a thin server farm.

11. (Currently amended) An apparatus for partitioning system management information for a plurality of network devices, wherein a portion of one of the network devices is leased to a lessee and another portion of the one of the network devices is leased to another lessee, comprising:

means for receiving system management information for the plurality of network devices; and

means for partitioning the system management information based on at least one leasehold of the plurality of network devices.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising:

means for generating at least one document based on the partitioned system management information for each of the at least one leasehold; and

means for transmitting the at least one document to a management system of the at least one leasehold.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the means for transmitting the at least one document includes means for converting the document to a format useable by the management system.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the means for converting the document includes means for translating the document from an extensible markup language document to one of an application program interface format and a remote program call format.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the means for partitioning the system management information includes means for partitioning the system management information based on stored lease information.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the stored lease information is received as an extensible markup language document.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein means for transmitting the at least one document includes means for sending the at least one document to a management system adapter that converts the document to a format useable by the management system.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the system management information includes at least one of an identification of applications run under each of the at least one leasehold, a number of network devices on which the applications for each of the at least one leasehold were run, an amount of network bandwidth used by each of the at least one leasehold, and a level of success of running the applications under each of the at least one leasehold.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the plurality of network devices are a plurality of thin servers in a thin server farm.
20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the plurality of network devices are a plurality of thin servers and wherein the apparatus is a metaserver.
21. (Original) A computer program product in a computer readable medium for partitioning system management information for a plurality of network devices, comprising:
first instructions for receiving system management information for the plurality of network devices; and
second instructions for partitioning the system management information based on at least one leasehold of the plurality of network devices.
22. (Original) The computer program product of claim 21, further comprising:
third instructions for generating at least one document based on the partitioned system management information for each of the at least one leasehold; and
fourth instructions for transmitting the at least one document to a management system of the at least one leasehold.
23. (Original) The computer program product of claim 22, wherein the fourth instructions for transmitting the at least one document includes instructions for converting the document to a format useable by the management system.
24. (Original) The computer program product of claim 23, wherein the instructions for converting the document includes instructions for translating the document from an extensible markup language document to one of an application program interface format and a remote program call format.

25. (Original) The computer program product of claim 21, wherein the second instructions for partitioning the system management information includes instructions for partitioning the system management information based on stored lease information.
26. (Original) The computer program product of claim 25, wherein the stored lease information is received as an extensible markup language document.
27. (Original) The computer program product of claim 22, wherein the fourth instructions for transmitting the at least one document includes instructions for sending the at least one document to a management system adapter that converts the document to a format useable by the management system.
28. (Original) The computer program product of claim 21, wherein the system management information includes at least one of an identification of applications run under each of the at least one leasehold, a number of network devices on which the applications for each of the at least one leasehold were run, an amount of network bandwidth used by each of the at least one leasehold, and a level of success of running the applications under each of the at least one leasehold.
29. (Original) The computer program product of claim 21, wherein the plurality of network devices are a plurality of thin servers in a thin server farm.
30. (Original) The computer program product of claim 21, wherein the plurality of network devices are a plurality of thin servers and wherein the computer program product is executed in a metaserver of a thin server farm.
31. (New) The method of Claim 2, wherein the plurality of network devices are a plurality of servers in a server farm, and wherein responsive to receiving the at least one document by the management system of the at least one leasehold, the management system of the at least one leasehold sends at least one command back to the server farm.

32. (New) The method of Claim 31, wherein the at least one command is executed by an application running on the server farm.
33. (New) The method of Claim 9, wherein the system management information comprises operational characteristics of operating systems and applications executing on the plurality of thin servers.
34. (New) The method of Claim 10, wherein the metaserver comprises a plurality of leasehold agents and a plurality of adapters coupled to respective leasehold agents.
35. (New) The method of Claim 34, wherein the plurality of leasehold agents facilitate communication between the metaserver and respective management systems for each of a plurality of leaseholds.